

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-8, 11-23 and 26-31 of copending U.S. Application No. 09/915,736. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the basis for rejecting claims 1-4.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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